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Licensed Clinical Psychologist, PSY18171
Qualified Medical Evaluator

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, Health Psychology Emphasis

California School of Professional Psychology (CSPP), Los Angeles, CA, 1999

(APA-Accredited Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Program)

Dissertation: "Malingering on Psychological Tests in Head Injury Workers'
Compensation Evaluations"

B.S. Psychobiology

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), 1989

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES/ CERTIFICATIONS

License: California Board of Psychology, Clinical Psychologist
(lic. PSY18171, April 2001- present)

Certification: Qualified Medical Evaluator (QME)
State of California, Division of Workers Compensation Medical Unit;
(appointed October 2012- present)

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Behavioral Health Reintegration, CDCR Division of Adult Parole Operations

Supervisor | *March 2025 - Present*

- Provide clinical supervision and training to postdoctoral, unlicensed psychologists
- Evaluate clinical practice and implement improvements

Clinical Psychologist | *November 2003 - Present*

- Conduct comprehensive sex offender risk assessments utilizing Static 99R and Female Sex Offender Risk Assessment tools
- Provide clinical treatment, clinical consultations, treatment planning, and case management for high-risk mentally ill offenders
- Deliver crisis intervention and brief psychological testing for parolees
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams including psychologists, social workers, psychiatrists, and parole agents
- Support public safety initiatives and successful community reintegration efforts
- Deliver services through multiple modalities including in-person, videoconferencing, and telephonic sessions

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Counselor / June 2018 - Present

- Advising employees on rights regarding discrimination complaints
- Conduct evaluations of employee discrimination complaints

Adult Reentry Grant Rater, ARG Cohort 4 Executive Steering Committee Board of State and Community Corrections | March 2025 – June 2025 ;

- Evaluate and rate grant proposals as part of scoring panel
- Assess effectiveness and viability of proposed reentry programs
- Provide expert input on psychological components of rehabilitation programs

Behavioral Health Reintegration Representative- Succession Development Program Committee, / March 2026 – present

- Represent BHR psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers in fostering organization leadership continuity by preparing a sustainable pipeline of talent to assume leadership positions.

Private Practice

Clinical Psychologist, Qualified Medical Evaluator | December 2012 - Present

- Conduct independent, comprehensive evaluations of psychological medical-legal issues in the Workers' Compensation system
- Appointed as Qualified Medical Evaluator by State of California Department of Industrial Relations in October of 2012
- Provide expert testimony in depositions when requested
- Provide specialized diagnostic testing, medical records reviews, and report editing for external psychiatric referrals

California Rehabilitation Center, California Dept of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Clinical Psychologist | August 2001 - November 2003

- Evaluated and treated mentally ill inmates within the correctional clinical case management system
- Provided crisis intervention and individual psychotherapy services
- Participated in interdisciplinary team meetings, treatment planning, and pre-release planning
- Contributed to program case reviews and institutional classification committees
- Consulted with psychiatrists and custody personnel
- Collaborated with substance abuse program staff assigned to Civil Addict Program

Institutional Service Training Instructor / January 2003- November 2003

- Training Instructor for the Mental Health Services Delivery System
- Completed Training for Trainers program for the Basic Correctional Officer Academy

University of California, Irvine, Medical Center

Clinic Coordinator/ Staff Research Associate | September 1997 - October 2000

- Coordinated the Center for Neurodevelopmental Studies, an advanced neurobehavioral clinic
- Conducted comprehensive diagnostic assessments of developmentally disabled clients
- Collaborated with multidisciplinary team including neurologists, psychiatrists, and psychologists
- Assessed maladaptive behavior and multiple psychotropic drug usage patterns
- Provided consultation to primary care practitioners and treating psychiatrists
- Delivered professional community presentations
- Participated in pediatric and adult services

Foothill Health And Rehabilitation Center

Primary Therapist/ Post-Doctoral Fellow | July 1999 - August 2001

- Completed postdoctoral fellowship in locked, forensic, inpatient psychiatric facility
- Served court-ordered adults through mentally ill offender (MIO) and conditional release (CONREP) programs
- Provided individual and group psychotherapy to forensic population
- Prepared forensic reports for judges and probation officers
- Led multidisciplinary team patient staffings
- Conducted program outcome research and presented at conferences

Tri-City Mental Health Center

Pre-Doctoral Intern | September 1996 - June 1997

- Completed clinical internship in general outpatient mental health setting
- Specialized in psychological testing, diagnostic assessment, and treatment
- Conducted outpatient individual, group, child, and family psychotherapy
- Worked in partial hospitalization/day treatment program, children's services, and dual diagnosis
- Participated in clinical and didactic training programs

Prairie Medical Center

Pre-Doctoral Intern | September 1995 - August 1996

- Completed clinical internship in medical center managed care setting
- Conducted outpatient short-term individual, group, couples, child, and family psychotherapy
- Provided psychiatric/medical consultation and psychoeducational treatment
- Prepared psychological reports for medical team

Coastline Community College, Traumatic Head Injury Program

Pre-Doctoral Practicum Intern, Neuroeducation Assessment Specialist | September 1994 – June 1995

- Conducted neuropsychological assessments of head injured adults utilizing WAIS-R and WAIS-NI
- Collaborated with program cognitive rehabilitation of head injured adults

Neuroeducation Assessment Specialist / June 1995- September 1995

- Trained incoming interns on psychometric assessment and report writing

Pacific Professional Associates, Inc.

Pre-Doctoral Practicum Intern | September 1993 - August 1994

- Completed forensic setting practicum with focus on diagnostic assessment and treatment of sex offenders and victims
- Conducted individual and group psychotherapy of sex offenders and victims of sex offenses
- Performed forensic assessments in L.A. County Jail and Wayside Ranch Facility
- Prepared reports and correspondence with probation officers

PUBLICATIONS

Howerton, K., Fernandez, G., Touchett, PE., Gurbani, S., Sandman, CA., Ashurst, J., Mahnovski, N., Downing, A., & Lott, IT. (2002). "Psychotropic Medications in Community Based Individuals with Developmental Disabilities: Observations of an Interdisciplinary Team." *Mental Health Aspects of Developmental Disabilities*, 5(3), 78-86.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- California Psychological Association
- Society for Police and Criminal Psychology
- National Academy of Neuropsychology
- Forensic Mental Health Associates of California